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### WILL ADD NEW BOATS

Two New Passenger and Freight Steamers to Ply Between Portland and San Francisco.

### MAY CAUSE RATE WAR

Smaller Craft Who Have Been Profiting by the Overflow May Start a Cut in Rates.

One, and possibly two, fast passenger and freight steamers for the Astoria and San Francisco route, to assist the Columbia and the Elder, are among the contemplated improvements to the Harriman water service along the Pacific coast. Official announcement of this important addition to Astoria's coastwise shipping facilities is expected as soon as General Manager Schwerin returns from the east. It is announced that the owners of the smaller steamers, who have been profiting by the overflow from the O. R. & N. steamers, expect the official announcement of the addition at an early date. It is also believed that the advent of the new steamers will lead to a rate war that will be gigantic in its proportions.

Thus far but few of the smaller coasting steamers have made much of an attempt to cut in on the passenger business, the Alliance, which touches at way ports being about the only one that does much in this line, and the most of her passenger travel comes from the way ports. Travel by sea in spite of the discomforts is still very popular with a certain percentage of the traveling public, and is increasing. It is expected that the tourist travel next year will be much greater than ever, and many of the visitors to the Lewis and Clark fair, who come out from the east, will take advantage of the occasion, either coming or going, to enjoy the ocean trip between Portland and San Francisco. With a fast boat and good accommodations this could be made a very popular trip, and while the Harriman steamship line would to a certain extent be running opposition to the Harriman railroad, the business and development of the country has reached a stage where a service of this kind is demanded.

As a considerable portion of the freight that was handled by the steamers came into Portland over the Harriman lines, it would have been a comparatively easy matter for the O. R. & N. Co. to route it through to San Francisco by its own steamers had they not been running full to the hatches all the time. Not all of the freight that originates in this territory can be controlled by the O. R. & N. Co., no matter how many boats it places on the route, but if a good fast steamer is added to the present service, it would undoubtedly cause the retirement of some of the mosquito fleet now plying on the route.

Just at present all of the steamers on the Pacific coast are profitably employed, but periodical dull seasons come and in the past the Portland-San Francisco route has always offered the best opening for steamers that have been crowded out of other fields. It is undoubtedly to forestall opposition of this nature that the O. R. & N. is arranging to take care of all the business that it can secure here. As the need of the boat or boats is very urgent, it is thought that a ready-built craft will be purchased in preference to waiting until a new one could be constructed. Shipping business on the Atlantic is not so good as on the Pacific, and there is nearly always an opportunity to buy a good steamer at a reasonable figure; in fact, Portland ship brokers offered them within the past few days, none of which, however, were large enough or fast enough to meet the requirements of the O. R. & N. service on the San Francisco route.

Convention Convened. Niagara Falls, N. Y., June 3.—The first session of the Dermatological Association convened has been held here. John Zessler of Chicago, president, and about 50 members of the association were present. Several papers were read bearing on several cases of what is known as the "whisky nose."

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### Facts of Interest.

A very remarkable case of automatic whistling following brain injury occurred some time ago in Buffalo. The case was that of a Polish laborer employed in the East Buffalo stock yards. He was found one morning lying unconscious beside the railroad track, having evidently been struck by a passing train. He was considerably cut up, but the chief injury was a depressed fracture of the skull, situated three inches above and one inch behind the left ear. The skull was immediately trephined, the depressed bone removed, and he was put to bed, and seemed to be doing well, although he remained unconscious. About 10 o'clock that night he suddenly began to whistle—the whistling calls he was accustomed to use in handling the cattle in the yards. He would continue whistling for about a minute, and then stop for five or ten minutes. He kept this up for regular intervals until he died four days later. The whistling was pitched always in the same key, and at no time could any melody be distinguished. It was audible over the whole hospital ward, and attracted the attention of every one about. It was impossible to arouse the man at any time after the accident, and he remained entirely unconscious to the end and whistled until a few minutes before he died.

Provision has been made for increasing the railway mail clerk service by three hundred employees. It was stated that on account of the insufficient force carloads of mail have been held up frequently from eight to twenty-four hours.

The smallest coin in the world having a genuine circulation is probably the Maltese "grain," a tiny fragment of bronze about as big around as the top of a slate pencil and having the value of only one-twelfth of a penny.

### Pointed Paragraphs.

Chicago News.

When a man is in the right he can afford to remain silent. Every idea of Hades is a place where every man is allowed to boss.

There is no hope for a conceited man who boasts of his mistakes. Some men would rather put up a weak argument than furnish strong proof.

When the stage heroine tells the villain to do his worst he usually acts that way.

Shortly after going on a sympathetic strike a man begins to strike his friends for a dollar.

When some men drop a nickel in the contribution plate they figure on getting a through ticket to glory in exchange.

Every man makes a start in the race for the almighty dollar, but at the finish he is apt to find his name among those who "also ran."

### SHOWING THE WAY.

This Public Statement of a Portland Citizen Will Be Appreciated.

Many a reader of this in Astoria has gone through the self-same experience in part and will be glad to be shown the way to get rid of the constant aches and pains of a bad back. Profit by a Portland citizen's experience:

J. Jenkins, of 315 East Sixth street, Portland, now retired from active life, says: "I think very highly of Doan's Kidney Pills. I used them for an acute attack of backache which had annoyed me for some little time. Three days after I began their use I knew they had gone to the cause of the dull dragging pains across the small of my back and relief came sooner than I expected. I believe the cure is permanent, for I have not felt any symptoms of a recurrence. Other members of my family have also used Doan's Kidney Pills with equally good results." Emphatic endorsement can be had right here in Astoria. Drop into Chas. Rogers' drug store and ask what customers report.

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### Worst of All Experiences.

Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Decatur, Ala. "For three years," she writes, "I endured insufferable pain from indigestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters, and the result was miraculous. I improved at once, and now I'm completely recovered." For Liver, Kidney, Stomach and Bowel troubles Electric Bitters is the only medicine. Only 50c. It's guaranteed by Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

### Clyde Fitch, Playwright.

Clyde Fitch may not be the foremost American dramatist, but he is certainly the most prolific, and the most successful—at least, from the commercial standpoint. He produces five or six plays every year, and rarely does he score a failure. More of his plays are being presented today than of any other dramatist, alive or dead. One out of every six or seven of our more prominent actors is appearing in a Fitch play. Not a billboard in the country but is plastered with a poster announcing one of his plays, at least two or three times a season. These things spell success, in big letters. They mean royalties, in a steady and constantly increasing stream; for as soon as a star discards a play, it is snapped up by road companies, if it was a success, and then goes to the stock companies, so that it continues to earn money for its author for years after its first production.

Far more than any living playwright Clyde Fitch understands the art of pleasing the public. He is not hampered by any difficult ideals. His play must interest, must hold the attention of the audience from the first word to the last, must arouse discussion, awaken curiosity. Beyond this—nothing.

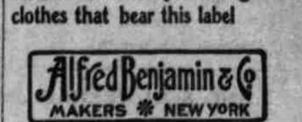
Clyde Fitch wrote his first play, professionally, in 1889, when he produced "Beau Brummel" for Richard Mansfield. Since then he has worked assiduously, and has a score of successes to his credit. And he is yet under 40! Small wonder that the name of Fitch is talked in the theatrical world.—Pacific Monthly for June.

### Correct Clothes for Men



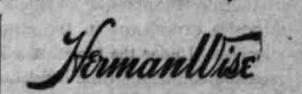
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### SENDS HIS LINEN TO ERIN.

Yankee Laundresses Can't Wash His Shirts and—er. New York Times.

The treasury department has had before it a new problem for which there is no provision in the customs regulations. An Irishman in Virginia has written a letter to the secretary complaining that he has had no luck whatever with his laundry work in that state, and wants to send his linen regularly to "old Ireland" to be washed by "women folks" who know how to wash and iron properly.

The matter was at first taken to be a joke and a polite letter was written to the complainant saying that there was no precedent for sending clothes out of the country to be washed, and the brooding Buddans of the customs service were therefore loath to pass upon

what appeared on the face of it to be wholly a hypothetical question.

This proved wholly ineffective to quiet the Irishman, and he came back with another letter saying that the government was very much mistaken if the assumption was that he was toying with a hypothetical question. He really wanted to send his clothes home every month or two to the old sod to be washed, and he would like to have a ruling that he should not be bothered with customs duties.

The department studied the problem, and finally replied that there was no law to prevent the applicant from sending his clothes to Ireland to be washed, and if he would state to the collector of the port whence they were sent that they were to be taken to Ireland to be washed, and would undergo no change thereby in character or quality, they would pass duty free.

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